

## PATENT

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In re application of:  
HERNDON et al.  
Serial No. 09/865,240  
Filed: May 24, 2001  
For: LAMINATION FEATURES FOR STATOR GROUNDING

Art Unit: 2834  
Examiner: Nguyen, Tran N.  
Attorney Docket No.: STL 2943

TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents relating to the subject patent application:

- Return Postcard;
- This Transmittal Letter;
- Response to Office Action mailed October 4, 2002;
- Letter to Official Draftsperson; and,
- 1 Sheet of Formal Drawing;

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees including any extension of time fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0782 (Order No. STL 2943).

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 4, 2002**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 4, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The use of these features 304 eliminates the stator grounding clip which is typically used to cut into an e-coating 305 which is provided over the stator laminations. Eliminating this coating ensures grounding of the lamination stack against the conductive surface of the shaft. As shown, the features are rounded; but they may come to a sharper point if such a point can meet the objective of scraping a sufficient amount of the coating off the surface of the features 304 to provide an electrically conductive contact between the lamination stack and the outer surface of the shaft. The